



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced above average temperatures and below average precipitation last week. The moisture that was received came in the form of isolated thunderstorms with hail causing some reported crop damage in the northeastern region. Above average amounts of rain were also received in the western regions. Conditions continue to be dry in the San Luis Valley and the southeastern region of the State. Farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations last week.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	38	48	1
Last Week	12	34	51	3
Last Year	3	26	70	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	34	51	1
Last Week	15	34	50	1
Last Year	4	25	69	2

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat harvest was 99 percent complete at the end of the week. Spring barley had 44 percent of harvest complete with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 97 percent turning color with 18 percent harvested by the end of last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn was rated in mostly good condition with 40 percent in the dough stage and 4 percent dented. Sorghum was 69 percent headed and 27 percent turning color with 2 percent of the crop rated mature. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest continued with 13 percent harvested and the crop rated in good condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were rated in good to fair condition with 25 percent harvested at the end of last week. Fall potato harvest began with 10 percent harvested and the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Sunflowers were rated in good condition. Dry beans were 80 percent flowered and rated in good to fair condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 21, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	36	54	8
Last Year	0	2	23	66	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	16	45	33	6
Last Year	0	3	30	58	9

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions are quite variable across the state and rated in very poor to good condition. Alfalfa harvest progressed to 95 percent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting and 31 percent of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting complete. The crop was rated in mostly good condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were still rated average for the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year. Cattle liquidations continue to be reported in the southern regions of the State due to drought conditions and high feed costs.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 21, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	25	17	19	30	9
Prev. Year - 2010	0	6	29	58	7
5-Year Avg.	9	16	33	36	6

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 21, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Harvested	99	99	100	100
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	44	30	38	40
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	97	90	97	98
Harvested	18	12	19	29
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	40	20	69	56
Dent	4	N/A	9	16
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	69	60	93	83
Turning Color	27	24	39	43
Mature	2	N/A	1	4
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	95	86	95	92
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	31	18	36	24
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	80	65	95	94
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	13	5	8	13
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	25	5	9	12
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	10	N/A	0	1

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	1	23	63	13
<b>Corn</b>	0	8	25	51	16
<b>Sorghum</b>	4	13	57	25	1
<b>Dry Onions</b>	1	2	17	73	7
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	8	28	53	11
<b>Sunflowers</b>	2	8	36	48	6
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	1	48	50	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	3	25	58	14
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	5	41	48	6
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	3	40	57	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.